Setting up of a National Disaster Management Agency

3100. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA);

(b) if so, the details alongwith its terms of reference; and

(c) the immediate steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to prepare a data base on infrastructure and facilities relating to disaster management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) In the context of the developing security situation, the need to have a strong and robust mechanism for management of all types of disasters, backed up by a professional pool of manpower, has been felt by the Government. As proposals regarding the requisite structures and capabilities are presently in the formative stages only, it is too early to furnish any further details in this regard.

Private commercial vehicles plying under Mother Dairy's Plant in Delhi

3101. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Traffic Police in Delhi have permitted several private commercial vehicles under Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant at Mangolpuri, New Delhi to ply such vehicles during day time also;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such commercial vehicles are mostly driven by helpers and even discharging maximum pollution on forged certificates; and

(d) if so, the number of such commercial vehicles impounded by police during the last one year and action taken against the owners of the vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) In order to maintain regular supply of essential commodities like food and vegetables, 54 commercial vehicles operating on behalf of the Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant at Mangolpuri have been permitted by Delhi Police to ply at specified routes during peak hours.

(c) The permission has been granted only after verification of the registration certificates, Pollution Under Control Certificates and valid driving licence of the drivers.

(d) Such record is not maintained organization-wise.

Girls' Trafficking in Delhi

3102. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled "Attapadi's unwed mothers tell a tale of tribal exploitation" appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 28th November, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereto;

(c) whether of late the cases of minor girls ending in trafficking nets are reported in the Press often daily and the Capital has become a great victim for it; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to curb this bad practice throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, the Government of Kerala has stated that no incident of turning murders into suicides or rape being treated as willing sex in the police records has come to its notice.

(c) It is incorrect to state that the Capital is turning into a center of trafficking in minor girls. The Delhi Police has been taking strict legal action as and when any such incident is reported. As a result of the concerted efforts to combat trafficking, the Delhi Police rescued 191 minor girls during the year 2001 (upto 30.11.2001).

(d) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime including that against women and children is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

The Central/State Governments have been implementing a number of projects/schemes for the rescue and rehabilitation of women and children affected by the flesh trade either through their own agencies or in collaboration with NGOs. These schemes include a scheme called 'Jabali' in Madhya Pradesh which aims at assisting the voluntary organizations to take up activities for the welfare